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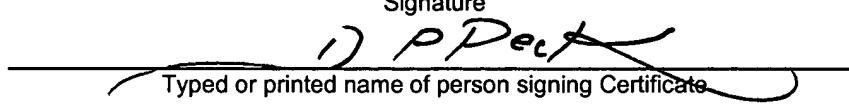
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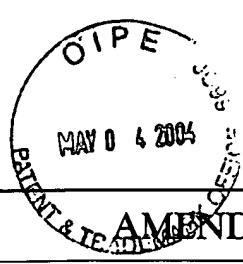
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Applicant(s): Masato Takahashi et al.

Invention: SEALING ELEMENT, HERMETIC CONTAINER AND SEALING METHOD THEREOF

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Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

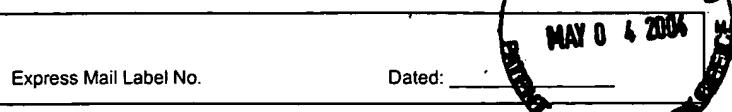
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### SUPPLEMENTAL AMENDMENT

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### INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Final Office Action dated August 12, 2003 (Paper No. 7), finally rejecting claims 1-10 and 12, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 6 of this paper.

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